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HB 37

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Subject: Proposed Statement

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe opposes HB 37. The bill allows state water users to change their state based agricultural water rights to industrial use and sell the water to energy companies for fracking purposes. Because the Northern Cheyenne Tribe has protected certain state-based agricultural water uses, particularly those in the 1914 Miles City Decree and certain users on tributaries, the Tribe is concerned that this bill changes the nature of those protected uses. The Tribe believes this takes them outside the protections of the Northern Cheyenne Water Rights Compact.

The Tribe will submit written comments in opposition to HB 37.

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